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Programme of meetings and agenda

Scheduled official meetings

Wednesday, 2 October 2002

Security Council

10 a.m. Consultations of the whole (closed). Consultations Room

Programme of work

Other matters

3.30 p.m. 4617th (closed) meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Meeting of the Security Council with the troop-contributing countries to the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission pursuant to resolution 1353 (2001), annex II, sections A and B

Security Council

A public meeting of the Security Council will be held on Friday, 4 October 2002, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the item "Threats to international peace and security caused by terrorist acts". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; tel. 1 (212) 963-5263).

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General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Committees

First Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 4

General debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items: *items 57, 58, 60-73; item 57 (A/57/263); item 58; item 60 (A/57/98-S/2002/705); item 61 (A/57/166 and Add.1, A/C.1/57/L.1); item 62; item 63 (A/57/214 and A/57/214/Add.1 and A/57/214/Add.2); item 64; item 65 (A/57/418); item 66 (A/57/95, A/57/95/Add.1 and A/57/95/Add.2, A/57/96, A/57/114 and A/57/114/Add.1 and A/57/114/Add.2, A/57/117, A/57/120, A/57/121 and A/57/121/Add.1, A/57/124, A/57/159, A/57/160, A/57/167 and A/57/167/Add.1, A/57/209, A/57/210, A/57/221, A/57/229, A/57/383, A/57/401, A/57/425, A/57/59, A/57/88-S/2002/672, A/57/92, A/C.1/57/L.2, A/C.1/57/L.3); item 67 (A/57/116, A/57/161, A/57/162, A/57/168, A/57/223, A/57/260, A/57/324, A/57/79-S/2002/551); item 68 (A/57/27, A/57/42, A/57/302, A/57/335); item 69; item 70 (A/57/181); item 71 (A/57/91); items 72 and 73 (A/57/88-S/2002/672) (A/C.1/57/1, A/C.1/57/2, A/C.1/57/3); A/C.1/57/INF/1*

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3–6 p.m. 4th meeting Conference Room 4

1. Hearing of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories
2. Hearing of petitioners (A/C.4/57/3, A/C.4/57/3/Add.1, A/C.4/57/3/Add.2, A/C.4/57/3/Add.3, A/C.4/57/3/Add.4, A/C.4/57/3/Add.5, A/C.4/57/3/Add.6, A/C.4/57/3/Add.7, A/C.4/57/3/Add.8, A/C.4/57/3/Add.9, A/C.4/57/3/Add.10, A/C.4/57/3/Add.11, A/C.4/57/3/Add.12, A/C.4/57/3/Add.13, A/C.4/57/3/Add.14, A/C.4/57/3/Add.15 and A/C.4/57/3/Add.16)

Second Committee

10–11.30 a.m. Conference Room 1

Briefing

Keynote address by Professor Joseph Stiglitz, Nobel Laureate, Economics and Finance, Columbia University, on "Sustainable Development: Lessons Learned from the Past Year" [The meeting will be chaired by H.E. Mr. Marco Antonio Suazo (Honduras), Chairman of the Second Committee. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. Live Webcast of the keynote address can be viewed at www.un.org/webcast.]

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. 6th meeting Conference Room 1

General debate (*continued*)

Philippines
Jordan
Kyrgyzstan
Latvia
Israel
Belarus
Colombia

Bahrain
 Uruguay
 United Arab Emirates
 Honduras
 Organization of Islamic Conference
 International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources
 Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations
 Yemen
 Syrian Arab Republic
 Iraq
 Tunisia
 Uganda
 Ukraine
 United Republic of Tanzania
 Bhutan
 Myanmar
 Argentina
 Sudan
 Malawi
 Afghanistan

3-6 p.m. 7th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. General debate (*conclusion*)
2. Macroeconomic policy questions [84]
 - (b) Commodities (A/57/381)
 - (d) External debt crisis and development (A/57/253)
 - (e) International financial system and development (A/57/151)
 - (f) Preparations for the International Ministerial Meeting on Transit and Transport Cooperation (A/57/340)

Introduction and general discussion

[The list of speakers for all other items allocated to the Second Committee, is open for inscription. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Thompson (tel. 1 (212) 963-2183; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)).]

Third Committee

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 6th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice (A/57/3¹, A/57/64, A/57/135, A/57/153, A/57/154, A/57/158 and A/57/158/Add.1, and A/C.3/57/L.2, A/C.3/57/L.3, A/C.3/57/L.4 and A/C.3/57/L.5) [100]
2. International drug control (A/57/3¹, A/57/88, A/57/127 and A/57/203) [101]

Continuation and conclusion of general discussion

¹ To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Joint Inspection Unit (A/57/34, A/57/61, A/57/321 and A/57/327) [119]

Enhancing governance oversight role: structure, working methods and practices on handling oversight reports (A/57/58 and A/57/58/Add.1 and A/57/434, paras. 9-11)

Introduction and general discussion

2. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [115]

Statistical report of the Chief Executives Board on the budgetary and financial situation of the organizations of the United Nations system (A/57/265)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning¹—

1 p.m. Informal (closed) consultations Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 111 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations) and 118 (Human resources management): Gratis personnel (A/56/839 and A/C.5/56/SR.45)

¹ Following the adjournment of the 5th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. – 1 p.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 2

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts (A/57/164 and A/57/164/Add.1) . . . [152]

Measures to eliminate international terrorism (A/57/37, A/57/183 and A/57/183/Add.1, A/57/66, A/57/84-S/2002/645, A/57/88-S/2002/672, A/57/203, A/57/269-S/2002/854, A/57/273-S/2002/875, A/57/341-S/2002/950) [160]

3–6 p.m. 8th meeting Conference Room 2

Measures to eliminate international terrorism (A/57/37, A/57/183 and A/57/183/Add.1, A/57/66, A/57/84-S/2002/645, A/57/88-S/2002/672, A/57/203, A/57/269-S/2002/854, A/57/273-S/2002/875, A/57/341-S/2002/950) [160]

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m. – 1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

1. Strengthening of the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations Web site in all official languages of the Organization
2. Questions relating to information
3. Videoconferencing at the United Nations

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 2 October 2002

Group of 77 (on the organization of work of the Second Committee)

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

JUSCANZ (on Third Committee matters)

9–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room D

**Islamic Group (on Sixth Committee matters)
(at the expert level)**

9.15–10 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

African Group of the Whole

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Economic and Social Council Chamber

**UNITAR Workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations
resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York**

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Conference Room B

3–6 p.m. Conference Room B

African Group: Group of Experts on Economic Matters

11.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 8

Informal consultations of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

12.15–1.15 p.m. Conference Room A

Informal consultations of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on disarmament matters, organized by the delegation of Myanmar [All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

**Briefings by the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
on human rights items before the Third Committee
(for members of permanent missions and the media)**

1.15–2.45 p.m. Conference Room 1

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Rio Group (on Sixth Committee matters) (at the technical level)

3-6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room C

Meeting of co-sponsors on the First Committee draft resolution on small arms and light weapons

3-4 p.m. Conference Room 1

Meeting of co-sponsors on the First Committee draft resolution on small arms and light weapons, proposed by Japan, Colombia and South Africa [All interested delegations are invited to attend.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/pressg/conf.htm.

Wednesday, 2 October 2002**Room S-226**

1 p.m. H.E. Mr. Martin Belinga Eboutou (Cameroon), President of the Security Council for the month of October (on the Council's programme of work for the month)

Forthcoming official meetings**Thursday, 3 October 2002****General Assembly****Fifty-seventh session**

10 a.m. 21st meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments: appointment of a member of the Joint Inspection Unit: note by the Secretary-General (A/57/107) [17 (f)]
2. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

Committees

First Committee

10 a.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 4

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3 p.m. 5th meeting Conference Room 4

Second Committee

10 a.m. 8th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

3 p.m. 9th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Third Committee

3 p.m. 7th meeting Conference Room 1

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. 6th meeting Conference Room 3

Morning¹ Informal (closed) consultations Conference Room 5

3 p.m. Informal (closed) consultations Conference Room 5

Sixth Committee

10 a.m. 9th meeting Conference Room 2

¹ Following the adjournment of the 6th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

General Committee

The 3rd meeting of the General Committee of the General Assembly will be held on Friday, 4 October 2002, at 9.15 a.m. in Conference Room 4, to consider one request for the inclusion of a new item (A/57/232) and one request for the inclusion of a new sub-item (A/57/233).

General Assembly

Informal consultations on agenda items 25 (b) and (c) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolutions on agenda item 25 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas/illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) and agenda item 25 (c) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on the following dates: Monday, 7 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; Wednesday, 9 October, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2; Thursday and Friday, 10 and 11 October, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., in Conference Room 6.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session 2002

Informal consultations

The President of the Economic and Social Council will hold informal consultations on the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on African Countries Emerging from Conflicts (Guinea-Bissau) on Thursday, 3 October 2002, in the afternoon, in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, immediately following the adjournment of the 9th meeting of the Second Committee.

42nd meeting

The Economic and Social Council will hold its 42nd meeting on Friday, 4 October 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, with the following agenda:

(a) *Commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the signing of the General Peace Agreement in Mozambique*

The President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović (Croatia), will chair the meeting. Statements will be made by H.E. Dr. Leonardo Santos Simao, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mozambique; H.E. Mr. Jan Kavan (Czech Republic), President of the General Assembly; H.E. Mr. Martin Belinga-Eboutou (Cameroon), President of the Security Council; H.E. Mr. Jagdish Koonjul (Mauritius), Chairman of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Security Council on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa; Ms. Louise Fréchette, Deputy Secretary-General; Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator, United Nations Development Programme; and Mr. Nitin Desai, Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

(b) *Ad Hoc Advisory Group on African Countries Emerging from Conflicts: Guinea-Bissau*

[The Council will hold the next meeting of its resumed substantive session (to take up all outstanding matters) on Friday, 25 October 2002.]

Other forthcoming meetings

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Informal consultations of co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on nuclear disarmament

There will be informal consultations of co-sponsors of the First Committee draft resolution on nuclear disarmament, organized by the delegation of Myanmar, on Thursday, 3 October 2002, from 9.15 to 10.15 a.m. in Conference Room A. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Briefing on the World Summit on the Society of Information and the Civil Society

There will be a briefing on the World Summit on the Society of Information and the Civil Society, sponsored by the NGO Section, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Thursday, 3 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B. Presentations will be made by Mr. Alain Clerc, Director of the Civil Society Division of the Executive Secretariat for the Preparation of the Summit, and Ms. Louise Lassonde, Coordinator of the Civil Society Division of the Executive Secretariat for the Preparation of the Summit. All persons managing the relations with non-governmental organizations and the civil society, as well as those responsible for communication within the United Nations agencies, are invited to attend.

Panel discussion organized by the Department for Disarmament Affairs

There will be a panel discussion on the theme "Impact of 11 September 2001 on the Disarmament Agenda in the Twenty-first Century" on Thursday, 3 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The Right Honourable Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister of Canada, will be the guest speaker. The panellists will include Mr. Ramesh Thakur, Vice-Rector of the United Nations University (UNU); Mr. Christer Ahlstrom, Deputy Director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI); and Ms. Rebecca Johnson, Executive Director of the Acronym Institute, will be among the participants.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Gary De Rosa, Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-3980; fax 1 (212) 963-1121; email DeRosa@un.org).

International Labour Organization (ILO) briefing on "Employment Poverty Linkages: Issues and Experiences"

There will be a briefing, organized by the International Labour Organization (ILO) on "Employment-Poverty Linkages: Issues and Experiences" to be held on Thursday 3 October 2002, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 9. A presentation will be made by Mr. Riswanul Islam, Recovery and Reconstruction Department, ILO. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Caroline Lewis, New York ILO Liaison Office (tel. 1 (212) 697-0150, ext. 102).

Briefing by the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on human rights items before the Third Committee

A briefing on human rights items before the Third Committee, organized by the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will take place on Thursday, 3 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7, for representatives of non-governmental organizations.

Meeting of the Economic Community of Central African States

There will be a meeting of the Economic Community of Central African States (*at the ambassadorial level*) on Thursday, 3 October 2002, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Open-ended consultations on the draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty"

There will be open-ended consultations, organized by the delegations of Mexico, Australia and New Zealand, on the draft resolution entitled "Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty" on Thursday, 3 October 2002 from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Informal consultations on the Third Committee draft resolution on the follow-up to the International Year of Volunteers

There will be open-ended informal consultations, organized by the delegation of Brazil, on a draft resolution entitled "Follow-up to the International Year of Volunteers" on Friday, 4 October 2002, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement

There will be a closed meeting of Working Group on Disarmament of the Non-Aligned Movement on Friday, 4 October 2002, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

UNITAR Workshop Series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology"

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) has organized the new Series entitled "Policy Awareness and Training in Information Technology", under the auspices of the ICT Task Force and the Working Group on Informatics. This programme is being implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of Intel Corporation, Inc. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which is currently being repeated four times a year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on (a) Introduction to Computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet Search Basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page Design Basics and Usability Techniques; and is geared towards all diplomats. The fifth module, which is conducted as an interactive seminar, covers "Policy Awareness and Security Issues on Information Technology" and is aimed essentially at ambassadors and senior diplomats and open to members of the United Nations staff as well as non-governmental organizations.

The fourth and last cycle of the 2002 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held on every alternate Friday from 4 October to 15 November 2002. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

**Open-ended meeting organized by the delegation of Ireland,
on behalf of the member countries of the New Agenda Coalition**

There will be an open-ended meeting of possible co-sponsors and interested delegations on the First Committee draft resolutions entitled "Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: the need for a new agenda" and "Reductions of non-strategic nuclear weapons". The meeting, organized by the delegation of Ireland, on behalf of the member countries of the New Agenda Coalition, will be held on Monday, 7 October 2002, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Briefing by business interlocutors to the financing for development process

There will be a briefing by business interlocutors to the financing for development process, organized by the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat, on the status of the many private sector initiatives set forth at the International Conference on Financing for Development, held in Monterrey (18-22 March 2002). The following business interlocutors will be among the participants : International Chamber of Commerce, Business Council for the United Nations, World Economic Forum, Money Matters Institute, Samuels Associates and Renaissance Strategy. The briefing, open to representatives of permanent missions and to interested Secretariat staff, will take place on Tuesday, 8 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Announcements

**Informal advance copies of the report of the Secretary-General on progress
towards implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS**

In order to facilitate preparations by delegations for the debate of the General Assembly on item 42, informal advance copies of the report of the Secretary-General on progress towards implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS (in English only) are available at the UNAIDS New York office and can be picked-up by delegates at the following address: UNICEF House (3 United Nations Plaza, room 841). Information on an electronic version of this document can also be obtained by calling 1 (212) 824-6643. The report will be issued in all official languages shortly, as document A/57/227.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from *today*, 2 October 2002, and for the rest of the month, the President of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled.

The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded Information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Credentials of representatives to the fifty-seventh session

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly.

Credentials should be sent to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358; room S-3420A.)

Summary of meetings

Tuesday, 1 October 2002

General Assembly

Fifty-seventh session

Committees

First Committee

3rd meeting

General debate

The Committee continued its general debate on all disarmament and international security agenda items and heard statements made by the representatives of Qatar, the Republic of Korea, Costa Rica, Cuba, Japan, Algeria, China, Mozambique, Singapore and the Holy See.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

3rd meeting

Requests for hearing

The Committee considered eighteen communications containing requests for hearing, (one relating to Gibraltar (A/C.4/57/2) and seventeen relating to Western Sahara (A/C.4/57/3 and Add.1-16)), which it decided to grant.

Agenda items 19 (chapters of the report of the Special Committee of 24 relating to specific Territories not already covered by other items), 80, 81, 82 and 12 and 83

The Committee continued its general debate with statements from the representatives of the United Kingdom, Algeria, New Zealand, Bolivia, India, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the 14 Member States of the Caribbean Community), Venezuela, Papua New Guinea and Burkina Faso.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Second Committee

4th meeting

Organizational matters

The Chairman made a statement.

General debate (continued)

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Chile, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM)), the Dominican Republic, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of the Group of Landlocked Developing Countries), the Islamic Republic of Iran, Cuba, the Republic of Korea, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Kenya, Yugoslavia, Monaco, Armenia, Burkina Faso, the Russian Federation and Nigeria.

5th meeting

General debate (continued)

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Ethiopia, Nepal, Croatia, Cambodia, Singapore, Mongolia, El Salvador, Viet Nam, Bolivia, Benin, Senegal, Paraguay, Suriname and Kazakhstan.

Organizational matters

The Chairman made a statement.

Third Committee

4th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [100]

International drug control [101]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Myanmar, Kazakhstan (also on behalf of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, the Russian Federation and Tajikistan), Belarus (on behalf of Armenia, Kazakhstan, the Russian Federation and Tajikistan), Viet Nam, India, Algeria, Pakistan, Malaysia, Israel, Nepal, Turkey, Afghanistan, the Gambia, the Republic of Korea and San Marino.

Organization of work

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to the following four draft resolutions under agenda item 100, which the Economic and Social Council had recommended to the General Assembly for adoption: A/C.3/57/L.2, A/C.3/57/L.3, A/C.3/57/L.4 and A/C.3/57/L.5; he stated that once a statement on programme budget implications had been prepared in connection with these drafts, the Committee would be in a position to take action on the four draft resolutions.

5th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [100]

International drug control [101]

The Committee continued its joint consideration of the items.

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina, Nigeria, Iraq and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

Fifth Committee**4th meeting**

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [122]

Inspection of programme and administrative practices in the Department for Disarmament Affairs (A/56/817)

Inspection of programme management and administrative practices in the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (A/56/930)

Post-implementation review of the Integrated Management Information System at the United Nations (A/56/879)

Audit of the policies and procedures for recruiting staff for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations (A/57/224)

The Committee continued its general discussion of the above-mentioned reports and heard statements by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta, Turkey, Iceland and Norway), the United States, Japan, Gabon, Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Jamaica, Uruguay and the Syrian Arab Republic.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on these reports.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these reports would begin on that day, 1 October, following the adjournment of the formal meeting of the Fifth Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Collen Vixen Kelapile (Botswana).

Organization of work

The representative of Algeria made a statement concerning the report of the Secretary-General on strengthening the Terrorism Prevention Branch of the Secretariat (A/57/152 and A/57/152/Add.1).

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

Sixth Committee**6th meeting**

Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [161]

The Committee continued its consideration of this item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Denmark (on behalf of the European Union; the countries of Central and Eastern Europe associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia) and the associated countries, Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, as well as the EFTA countries of the European Economic Area, Iceland and Norway), Croatia, Canada, Uganda, Kenya, Malaysia, Fiji, the Russian Federation, China, Romania, Brazil, Angola, Japan, Ecuador, Poland and Uruguay.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 161.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Committee on the Rights of the Child

Thirty-first session

United Nations Office at Geneva

Tuesday, 1 October 2002

827th-828th meetings *Consideration of reports of States parties* [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the second periodic report of Poland (CRC/C/70/Add.12). In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

*Ratification: Republic of Moldova (1 October 2002)*¹

¹ Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

DPI/NGO Briefing

The topic of this week's DPI/NGO Briefing will be "Meeting the Challenges of Ageing: Where Do We Go from Here?", held in observance of the International Day of Older Persons (1 October). The briefing will be held on Thursday, 3 October 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. The participants will be Ms. Eveline Hönigspurger, Director, Centre for Ageing and Population Policies, Federal Ministry for Social Security and Generations, Austria; Ms. Michiko Mukuno, Director for Aged Society Policy, Cabinet Office of Japan; Mr. Tavengwa M. Nhongo, Representative, Regional Development Centre for Africa, HelpAge International; Ms. Martha Pelaez, Regional Advisor on Aging and Health, Family Health and Population Program, Pan American Health Organization/World Health Organization (PAHO/WHO); Ms. Madiha el Safty, Professor of Sociology, American University in Cairo; and Mr. Johan Schölvinnck, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the media are also invited to attend. The briefing will be moderated by Mr. Alexandre Sidorenko, Chief, Programme on Ageing, DESA; Mr. Paul Hoeffel, Chief, NGO Section, DPI; and Ms. Helen Hamlin, Chair, NGO Committee on Ageing. This briefing is organized by the Department of Public Information in cooperation with the Programme on Ageing, DESA, and the NGO Committee on Ageing. For further information, please contact Mr. Oleg Dzioubinski, NGO Section, Department of Public Information (tel. 1 (212) 963-1859).

World Habitat Day

In observance of World Habitat Day, an event entitled "City-to-City Cooperation", organized by the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) and Sister Cities International, will take place on Monday, 7 October 2002, from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of the United Nations specialized agencies and of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October 2002 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

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H.E. Mr. Ahmed Aboul Gheit

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H.E. Mr. Dejan Šahović

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